

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims: Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the following listing of claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of multimedia works for public access over the internet, comprising:

an upload site ~~a central server~~ accessible over a distributed communication backbone for ~~storing a central library of~~ receiving one or more multimedia works that one or more users have submitted to the upload site for public access distribution and storing a library of the submitted multimedia works;

an administrator site for maintaining the ~~central~~ library of multimedia works stored at the ~~central server~~ upload site, wherein maintaining the ~~central~~ library of multimedia works includes tagging each of the multimedia works with an abstract record that includes one or more data fields relating to the multimedia works, ~~and~~ storing the ~~tagged~~ multimedia works ~~and the associated abstracts~~ in the ~~central~~ library, and further storing the abstract records relating to the multimedia works in the library; and

a catalog of available multimedia works intermittently compiled from the ~~abstracts~~ abstract records stored in the ~~central~~ library, wherein the catalog is maintained at the administrator site~~[; and]]~~, wherein a remote content review/control site ~~that~~ intermittently polls the catalog of available multimedia works maintained at the administrator site to ascertain when new multimedia works have become available, the remote content review/control site allowing a reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site to ~~edit the abstract and~~ view a real-time stream of each multimedia work in the catalog and edit the abstract record relating to each multimedia work in the catalog, wherein the reviewing authority must approve each multimedia work made available for public access and the remote content review/control site sends a publication approval message to the administrator site to indicate when the reviewing authority approves one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog for public access, ~~thereby~~ the administration site making the

approved multimedia works available for public access ~~through~~ in response to receiving the administrator-site publication approval message from the remote content review/control site.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said ~~central~~ library of multimedia works stored at the ~~central-server~~ upload site is maintained in an SQL database.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said ~~central~~ library of multimedia works stored at the ~~central-server~~ upload site is maintained in a uniform digital video format.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said ~~central~~ library of multimedia works stored at the ~~central-server~~ upload site is maintained in AVI digital format.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of multimedia works for public access over the internet, comprising:

providing a web portal at ~~a central~~ an upload site that independent multimedia producers can use to upload multimedia works for public access distribution;

receiving one or more multimedia works that one or more independent multimedia producers have uploaded to the upload site for public access distribution;

performing pre-processing on each of the multimedia works uploaded to the ~~central~~ upload site, wherein the pre-processing includes verifying one or more of a file format, a file size, a file type, a file name, or a file extension for each of the multimedia works ~~submitted~~ submitted for public access distribution, tagging each of the multimedia works with an abstract record that includes one or more data fields relating to the multimedia works, ~~and~~ storing the tagged multimedia works ~~and the associated abstracts~~ in a database of multimedia works needing approval, and further storing the abstract records relating to the multimedia works in the database;

sending an administrative alert to an administrator for each multimedia work added to the database of multimedia works needing approval;

maintaining a catalog of available multimedia works intermittently compiled from the ~~abstracts~~ abstract records stored in the database of multimedia works needing approval; and

intermittently receiving polls of ~~polling~~ the catalog of available multimedia works from a remote content review/control site to ascertain when new multimedia works have become available, the remote content review/control site allowing a reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site to ~~edit the abstract and~~ view a real-time stream of each multimedia work in the catalog and edit the abstract record relating to each multimedia work in the catalog, wherein the reviewing authority must approve each multimedia work made available for public access and the remote content review/control site sends a publication approval message to the ~~central~~ upload site to indicate when the reviewing authority approves one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog for public access, ~~thereby~~ the upload site making the approved multimedia works available for public access through the web portal in response to receiving ~~[[at]] the central upload site~~ publication approval message from the remote content review/control site.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the database of multimedia works needing approval is maintained in an SQL database.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the database of multimedia works needing approval is maintained in a uniform digital video format.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the database of multimedia works needing approval is maintained in AVI digital format.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of multimedia works for public access over the internet, comprising:

receiving one or more ~~uploading~~ digital multimedia works ~~from that~~ one or more independent multimedia producers have submitted to a central an upload site for public access distribution;

tagging each of the received ~~uploaded~~ digital multimedia work ~~works~~ with an abstract record that includes one or more data fields relating to the digital multimedia works, wherein the data fields include one or more of a media category, a media subject, a media date, a media runtime, a media author, or a media rating;

storing the ~~tagged digital multimedia works and the associated abstracts~~ in a database of digital multimedia works needing approval on a web-enabled network server;

storing the abstract records relating to the digital multimedia works in the database of digital multimedia works needing approval;

intermittently polling the ~~abstracts~~ abstract records in the database of digital multimedia works needing approval to compile a catalog of available digital multimedia works at the web-enabled network server; and

intermittently receiving polls of the catalog of available multimedia works from ~~maintaining~~ a remote content review/control site ~~for reviewing that reviews and controls~~ controlling availability of the digital multimedia works for public access, the remote content review/control site intermittently polling the catalog of available digital multimedia works at the web-enabled network server to ascertain when new digital multimedia works have become available, the remote content review/control site allowing a reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site to screen each digital multimedia work in the catalog by viewing ~~the abstract and~~ a real-time stream of the screened digital multimedia work and further allowing the reviewing authority to edit the abstract record relating to the screened digital multimedia work, wherein the reviewing authority must approve each digital multimedia work made available for public access, whereby the remote content review/control site operates as a gatekeeper to screen the ~~digital~~ digital multimedia works to be made available for public access;

receiving a publication approval message from the remote content review/control site indicating that the reviewing authority has approved one or more of the digital multimedia works in the catalog for public access; and

making the approved multimedia works available for public access in response to receiving the publication approval message from the remote content review/control site.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving one or more mailed video tapes in NTSC format from one or more independent multimedia producers and digitizing the NTSC video tapes to create the digital multimedia works received at ~~uploaded to~~ the ~~central~~ upload site.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising providing public access to the real-time stream for all of the digital multimedia works made available for public access.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein each of the users that have submitted the multimedia works for public access distribution are required to either read and sign a waiver agreement or fill out an electronic equivalent of the waiver agreement.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein maintaining the ~~central~~ library of multimedia content further includes verifying one or more of a file type, a file size, a file name, a file extension, or a file format for each of the multimedia works submitted for public access distribution prior to the multimedia works being stored in the ~~central~~ library.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site includes a cable television company.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~each of the abstracts data fields for the abstract records relating to associated with the tagged multimedia works includes~~ include one or more of a media category, a media subject, a media date, a media runtime, a media author, or a media rating.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, the remote content review/control site further allowing the reviewing authority to designate a new media category and subsequently assign one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog to the new media category.
17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, the remote content review/control site further allowing the reviewing authority to designate one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog to be showcased on web pages corresponding to the media category.
18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, the remote content review/control site further allowing the reviewing authority to designate one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog to be showcased on a homepage for the multimedia works approved for public access.